



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Health

In relation to: Southside Hydrotherapy Pool Budget

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MR RATTENBURY: Thank you. I just wanted to ask about a couple of projects that are in the bailiwick of this session. The Southside Hydrotherapy Pool, now completed and opened, do you have a final reconciliation for that project?

Ms Bell: Can we take that question on notice, please?

MR RATTENBURY: Sure. Fair enough.

Ms Stephen-Smith: I do understand it came in within budget though.

Ms Bell: Yes. There is just some final financial close out details that I need to obtain from my team to be able to provide an accurate figure on that one.

MR RATTENBURY: That is fine. That is actually my question—well my first question is, do you have it? And the answer is, yes you are close. And then on notice, it is you will get it and give it to us when you finalise it.

MS Bell: Correct.

Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Construction of the Southside Hydrotherapy pool was completed on 13 August 2025. The project will achieve financial completion at the end of the 12-month post completion period in August 2026. There may some minor additional expenditure during that period that could affect the final reconciliation and therefore the question cannot be answered at this time.

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By the Minister for Health, Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA